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Conference News - September



March for Justice

The decision of the State of Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles announced this month to allow the execution of **Troy Davis** to proceed is not a decision that advances justice in this great state, but is an echo of another and more troubled time in race relations. The Southeast Conference and the United Church of Christ are proud of our churches and clergy who have continued our long tradition of fighting for justice. [> Follow link to read more on this injustice.](#)

Alabama-Tennessee Association Fall Meeting "Making Connections."

The meeting is being held at Howard Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee on Friday, **September 30, 2011**. The Association will come together in "**Making Connections**" building leaders and building congregations. [Link here for additional information for the fall event.](#)

Georgia-South Carolina Association Welcomes You to the Fall Meeting!

The Fall Meeting of the Georgia-South Carolina Association will be held Saturday **October 15** from 9:30-2:30 at Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta. **Registration materials and a schedule are available at this link.** We will hold an Ecclesiastical Council to consider Laura Arnold for ordination and the reception of Kirkwood United Church of Christ into the Association. There will also be a panel discussion on Creating Holy Space. ***We are looking forward to a time of celebration and sharing!***

East Alabama-West Georgia Planning Fall Association Meeting

Arrangements are still being finalized for this fall event. Circle your calendars for the date of **October 22nd** and join us at the Annual Meeting of the East Alabama-West Georgia Association. Location, details and times will be coming soon.

UCC History and Polity Class A Great Success!

Tim Downs is facilitating the third online UCC history and polity class that our conference has offered in collaboration with the Center for Progressive Renewal. We have twelve participants who are logging on from Winnipeg, Canada, London England, Nebraska, Connecticut, Arizona, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and points in between! Many of the participants have been ordained in other traditions and have found their way to the UCC with wonder and gratitude for a denomination like ours. The class, a twelve week course, which began at the end of August, will conclude in the middle of November. Tim has said "each time I participant in an online class, I learn in a little more, and grow in appreciation for the rich possibilities for participants to engage material at so many different levels. It is truly a new and exciting way of learning."

[Link here for information on the class.](#)

Update on OCWM Promotion

September 18th was OCWM Sunday in many of our churches, and many others are arranging or have

arranged with Gerri Hudson for a speaker from the board or the staff to bring greetings and a mission moment to our churches. We continue to be available if you would like to schedule a time and speaker.

Tim Downs has spoken to **Safe Harbor Family Church, Kirkwood UCC, and Central Congregational UCC.**

Kathy Clark spoke at **Decatur UCC, and First United Church UCC, Cookeville.**

Debbie Spearman visited **Pilgrimage UCC Marietta, and Sandy Creek UCC, Lafayette, AL.**

Dorothy Gager will be speaking at **Brookmeade Congregational in Nashville,**

Jennifer Spears, spoke at **Garden of Grace, Columbia, SC.**

[Link here for additional information on OCWM.](#)

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